

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed May 4, 2007 and the Office Action mailed September 1, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-29 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-29. To advance prosecution of this case, Applicant amends Claims 1, 8, 12-17, 21-22, 24-26, and 28. In addition, Applicant cancels Claims 20, 27, and 29 and Applicant adds new Claims 30-32. Applicant does not admit that any amendments are necessary due to any prior art or any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Section 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 8, and 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. In particular the Examiner asserts that "it is not clear the relationship between the icons and the status indicators." (Office Action; p. 3). Without admitting the validity of the Examiner's assertion, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 8, and 12-17, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 8, and 12-17.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-2, 4-7, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,112,015 issued to Planas, et al. ("Planas") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,661,434 B1 issued to MacPhail ("MacPhail"). The Examiner rejects Claims 8-11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 25, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Planas* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,323 B1 issued to Jamieson, et al. ("Jamieson"). The Examiner rejects Claims 21, 24, 26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Planas* in view of *MacPhail* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,380 issued to Battat, et al. ("Battat"). The Examiner rejects Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Planas* as applied to Claim 1

above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,937,037 issued to Griffiths, et al. (“*Griffiths*”). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-19, 21-26, 28, and 30-32.

The cited references fail to teach, suggest, or disclose each element of amended Claim 1. In particular, the cited references fail to teach, suggest, or disclose “displaying a control panel associated with a particular icon that represents a particular object, wherein the control panel comprises a plurality of properties” and “in response to a selection of at least one of the plurality of properties, determining a value of the at least one property associated with the particular object” as recited in amended Claim 1. In the Office Action, the Examiner relies on *MacPhail* for a control panel. (Office Action; pages 5-6). *MacPhail* generally discloses a display of icons associated with a network. (Abstract). The cited portion of *MacPhail* explains that, when a user selects a particular icon, an interface displays history data in a chart. (Figure 5(b); Col. 11, lines 14-43). In the Office Action, the Examiner equates the display of history data in *MacPhail* with the “control panel” that “comprises a plurality of properties,” as recited in amended Claim 1. (Office Action; pages 5-6). However, once the user in *MacPhail* clicks on an icon to display the chart of history data, as illustrated in Figure 5(b), the user does not select a particular data record in the displayed chart. (Col. 11, lines 14-43). Thus, *MacPhail* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose a “control panel” that “comprises a plurality of properties” and “*a selection* of at least one of the plurality of properties” as recited in amended Claim 1. (Emphasis added). Accordingly, *MacPhail* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose “*in response to a selection of at least one of the plurality of properties*, determining a value of the at least one property associated with the particular object” as recited in amended Claim 1. (Emphasis added). Because the cited references fail to teach, suggest, or disclose this aspect of amended Claim 1, this claim is not rendered obvious by any combination of the cited references. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of amended Claim 1.

In rejecting Claims 8 and 12-17, the Examiner employs the same rationale used to reject Claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to amended Claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of amended Claims 8 and 12-17.

Claims 2-7, 9-11, 18-19, 21-26, and 28 depend from independent claims shown above to be allowable. In addition, these claims recite further elements that are not taught, suggested, or disclosed by the cited references. For at these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2-7, 9-11, 18-19, 21-26, and 28.

New Claims 30-32 depend from independent claims shown above to be allowable. In addition, these claims recite further elements that are not taught, suggested, or disclosed by the cited references. For at these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter and allow Claims 30-32.

CONCLUSION

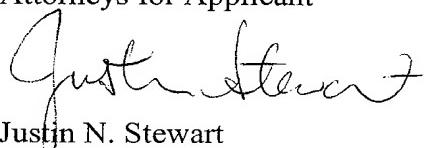
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Justin N. Stewart, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6755.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee of **\$ 120.00** and to charge any discrepancy or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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